

II. AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in this patent application.

Claim 1 (previously presented): A colon hydrotherapy system, comprising:

- (a) a colon hydrotherapy device, wherein the colon hydrotherapy device is adapted to remove impacted fecal matter from a colon, and wherein the colon hydrotherapy device further includes:
 - (i) a substantially cylindrical housing, wherein the housing further includes:
 - a) a first chamber formed therein, wherein the first chamber is formed integrally with the housing and defines a first interior passage running partially lengthwise therethrough, and wherein the first chamber is adapted to receive a volume of pressurized fluid directed into the housing;
 - b) a second chamber formed therein, wherein the second chamber is formed integrally with the housing and defines a second interior passage running lengthwise therethrough, and wherein the second chamber is adapted to receive a volume of fluid mixed with fecal matter exiting the housing; and
 - c) a dividing wall formed between the first and second chambers, wherein the dividing wall is formed from the same material as the substantially cylindrical housing and is integral therewith, and wherein the dividing wall completely separates the first chamber from the second chamber for preventing mixing of the pressurized fluid entering the housing and the fluid and fecal matter exiting the housing; and;
 - (ii) a nozzle at one end of the housing, wherein the nozzle further includes:
 - a) a plurality of forward-facing trapezoidal outlets formed circumferentially around the anterior portion thereof;

- b) an inlet formed in the posterior portion thereof, wherein the inlet is in fluid communication with both the first chamber and the plurality of trapezoidal outlets; and
 - c) an effluent channel formed therethrough, wherein the effluent channel is in fluid communication with the second chamber formed in the housing; and
- (b) a source of pressurized fluid connected to the first chamber, wherein the pressurized fluid enters the first chamber, travels through the length of the first chamber, and exits the colon hydrotherapy device through the plurality of outlets circumferentially formed around the anterior portion of the nozzle, wherein the combination of the pressurized fluid and the trapezoidal shape of each outlet in the plurality of outlets produces a high-pressure fluid vortex, wherein the high-pressure fluid vortex removes impacted fecal matter from the colon and mixes therewith, and wherein the mixture of fluid and fecal matter enters the effluent channel, passes through the second chamber, and exits the colon hydrotherapy device.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The system of claim 1, further comprising a removable insertion rod for facilitating insertion of the colon hydrotherapy device into a subject, wherein the second chamber further includes a ridge formed lengthwise therein, and wherein the shape of the front portion of the insertion rod corresponds to the shape of the ridge formed in the second chamber for stabilizing the insertion rod therein.

Claims 3-11 (cancelled)

Claim 12 (withdrawn): A method for performing colon hydrotherapy on a subject, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) attaching a colon hydrotherapy device to a source of pressurized water, wherein said colon hydrotherapy device further comprises:

- (i) a housing, wherein said housing is adapted to receive water inflow, and wherein said housing further comprises a first internal chamber extending substantially through the length of said housing for water inflow and a second internal chamber distinct from said first chamber for water outflow; and
 - (ii) a nozzle attached to said housing, wherein said nozzle further comprises a plurality of water outlets for creating a water vortex when said pressurized water is passed through said device; and
 - (iii) an insertion rod for facilitating insertion of said device into said colon; and
- (b) inserting said device into the colon of said subject by way of the rectum, wherein said insertion is performed by said subject;
 - (c) removing said insertion rod from said device;
 - (d) attaching an outflow line to said housing; and
 - (e) running said pressurized water through said device.

Claim 13 (withdrawn): The method of claim 12, wherein said water enters said subject at a volume of about 15 to about 100 gallons in a time period of about 45 minutes.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The system of claim 1, further comprising a fluid inlet line in fluid communication with the first chamber in the housing; and, an effluent drainage line in fluid communication with the second chamber in the housing.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The system of claim 14, wherein the substantially cylindrical housing further comprises a stem formed on the exterior portion thereof, wherein the stem is in fluid communication with the first chamber in the housing, and wherein the fluid inlet line is connected to the stem.

Claim 16 (previously presented): A colon hydrotherapy device for removing impacted fecal matter from a subject's colon, comprising:

- (a) a substantially cylindrical housing, wherein the housing further includes:
 - (i) a first chamber formed therein, wherein the first chamber is formed integrally with the housing and defines a first interior passage running partially lengthwise therethrough, and wherein the first chamber is adapted to receive a volume of pressurized fluid directed into the housing;
 - (ii) a second chamber formed therein, wherein the second chamber is formed integrally with the housing and defines a second interior passage running lengthwise therethrough, and wherein the second chamber is adapted to receive a volume of fluid mixed with fecal matter exiting the housing; and
 - (iii) a dividing wall formed between the first and second chambers, wherein the dividing wall is formed from the same material as the substantially cylindrical housing and is integral therewith, and wherein the dividing wall completely separates the first chamber from the second chamber for preventing mixing of the pressurized fluid entering the housing and the fluid and fecal matter exiting the housing; and;
- (b) a nozzle at one end of the housing, wherein the nozzle further includes:
 - (i) a plurality of forward-facing trapezoidal outlets formed circumferentially around the anterior portion thereof;
 - (ii) an inlet formed in the posterior portion thereof, wherein the inlet is in fluid communication with both the first chamber and the plurality of trapezoidal outlets; and
 - (iii) an effluent channel formed therethrough, wherein the effluent channel is in fluid communication with the second chamber formed in the housing.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The device of claim 16, further comprising a removable insertion rod for facilitating insertion of the colon hydrotherapy device into a subject, wherein the shape of the front portion of the insertion rod corresponds to the shape of the second interior passage for stabilizing the insertion rod therein, wherein the insertion rod further includes a planar grasping member formed at the opposite end thereof, wherein the grasping member further includes at least one stabilizing notch formed therein, and wherein the stabilizing notch engages a portion of the housing when the insertion rod is fully inserted into the housing.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The device of claim 16, further comprising a fluid inlet line in fluid communication with the first chamber in the housing; and, an effluent drainage line in fluid communication with the second chamber in the housing.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The device of claim 18, wherein the substantially cylindrical housing further comprises a stem formed on the exterior portion thereof, wherein the stem is in fluid communication with the first chamber in the housing, and wherein the fluid inlet line is connected to the stem.